
Federal Communications Commission

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Qwest Corporation)	File No.: EB-FIELDWR-13-00012365
Owner of Antenna Structure No. 1032021)	
)	NOV No.: V201432800012
Montrose, CO)	

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: January 30, 2014

By the District Director, Denver Office, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's rules (Rules)¹ to Qwest Corporation (Qwest), registrant of antenna structure # 1032021 in Montrose, CO. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violations noted herein.²

2. On November 18, and again on November 19, 2013, an agent of the Enforcement Bureau's Denver Office conducted nighttime observations of antenna structure # 1032021 located at 602 N First Avenue, in Montrose, Colorado. The agent conducted an inspection of antenna structure # 1032021 during daylight on November 20, 2013. During these inspections, the agent observed the following violations:

- a. 47 C.F.R. § 17.4(g): "...the Antenna Structure Registration Number must be displayed in a conspicuous place so that it is readily visible near the base of the antenna structure. Materials used to display the Antenna Structure Registration Number must be weather-resistant and of sufficient size to be easily seen at the base of the antenna structure." The agent observed that the Antenna Structure Registration Number was not displayed.
- b. 47 C.F.R. § 17.23: "Unless otherwise specified by the Commission, each new or altered antenna structure to be registered on or after January 1, 1996, must conform to the FAA's painting and lighting recommendations set forth on the structure's FAA determination of "no hazard,"..." The FAA recommended that the antenna structure be painted and lit in accordance with

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

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Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 13, of FAA Circular 70/7460-1J. Chapter 3 specifies that the structure be painted and Chapter 5 specifies that the structure be lit. During the night-time observations on November 18, and again November 19, 2013, the agent observed that the structure was not lit at all.

- c. 47 C.F.R. § 17.50: “Antenna structures requiring painting under this part shall be cleaned or repainted as often as necessary to maintain good visibility.” The agent observed that the paint was very faded and chipped.

3. Pursuant to Section 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Qwest must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.⁴

4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct Qwest to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Qwest with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Qwest’s response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,⁵ and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee’s possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.⁶

5. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

³ 47 U.S.C. § 403.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

⁵ Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that “[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : ‘I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)’.” 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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6. This Notice shall be sent to Qwest Corporation at its address of record.

7. The Privacy Act of 1974⁷ requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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⁷ P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).